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Annual Meeting, '94 ...

"a thing of beauty and a joy forever"

The 28th Annual Meeting seeks to rekindle JOY IN CHRIST. G. G. Findley wrote, "Joy is the influence of the Holy Spirit on the soul." To awaken our souls to such a possibility, the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference will focus on the joy in Christ with banners and balloons, talent and testimony, clowns and communion. The theme is "Joy in Christ: Reclaim, Rekindle, Release."

Set for June 3-5, 1994, the 28th Annual Meeting will take place at St. John's United Church of Christ, one of the centers of activity for the small city of Cullman, Alabama. St. John's is an historic Evangelical church of 1100 members. Registration will begin at 3 p.m., with a buffet dinner at 5 p.m. and the Call to Order at 7 p.m. (All times are Central Daylight Time).

The Rev. Don Gall, Iowa Conference Minister, and the Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson, Director of the Commission on Racial Justice, will share the podium as the meeting's keynote speakers. Rev. Gall will introduce the theme during Friday night's worship. Rev. Jackson will continue the theme with a focus on rekindling our joy in Christ on Saturday and will meet with the Conference youth representatives during their planned sessions. Rev. Gall will bring it all together at the final worship service on Sunday morning.

Evenings of talent and sharing, ongoing corporate singing, special music, Bible study, a distinctive service of communion and spontaneous fellowship are designed to enhance the opportunity for joy to abound. In between all the fun and fellowship, the business of the Conference will be conducted in two morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday.

Opportunities for individuals to participate in the activities are numerous. First, churches are urged to send delegates and their pastor and as many non-voting members as are willing to attend. Second, churches and associations are exhorted to send and fund youth representatives. A special agenda is planned. Third, the Rev. Bob Peebles is emceeding an evening of talent on Friday and is on the hunt for singers, dancers, storytellers, comedians, poets and others of courage and character. Fourth, churches with banners or with members willing to make a banner are asked to bring them. Individual church banners and banners on the theme of Joy are most welcome. Fifth, church, association, commission and committee project displays are encouraged. Please contact St. John's to request

space. Sixth, four existing Sunday School classes at St. John's have invited conference attendees to join them on Sunday morning for a special study on the conference theme.

The list actually goes on and on. All conference participants should come prepared to join in an experience the joy of working, struggling, grappling, eating, hugging, singing and witnessing to the influence of the Holy Spirit on our souls.

APRIL THROUGH JUNE:

Final Phase of the "Make a Difference" Campaign

We are now in the final, or General, phase of the Make A Difference Campaign! Across the UCC, gift commitments of over \$9.2 million are in hand toward our minimum goal of \$30 million. Here in the SEC, we have surpassed our Basic Goal of \$150,000, with nearly \$193,000 toward our Challenge Goal of \$250,000 (of which, if reached, one half will come back to our Conference). Clearly, many in the SEC believe in and love the United Church of Christ!

In the General Phase (April through June), the goal is to seek a monthly pledge over a three-year period of at least something, from every member of every congregation. All who are able should consider a pledge of at least 2% of income over and above regular giving to the church. Conference Staff, SEC Board Members, and all clergy have already received special invitations to pledge. Now gifts from the general membership could easily put us over our Challenge Goal!

Abundant materials have been mailed to every church for conducting a local church campaign. During these final three months of the campaign, please consider a four weeks emphasis on the campaign in your church. Every member has a right to the opportunity to contribute to this effort to prepare our UCC for the challenges of the soon-to-dawn new century. For further information, suggestions, or help, please call me at 1-615-690-3127.

John R. Lackey,
SEC Campaign Director

1993 Annual Report from Villa International Atlanta, Inc.

Villa International Atlanta is a 31-bedroom guesthouse, primarily for visiting international scientists who study at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Seven Christian denominations joined together to form a ministry of Christian hospitality to guests visiting the CDC. Through programmed activities, and in daily interactions, Villa staff and volunteers from numerous denominations and civic groups are involved in peacemaking and friendship evangelism.

More than 10,000 people from 135 nations have lived at Villa since it opened its doors in 1972. During 1993 Villa International Atlanta ministered to 1,016 people from 111 countries. The occupancy rate was seventy-six percent.

1993 was the second year of a ten-year \$1.4 million capital funds campaign. Improvements will include new construction and improvements, plus an endowed scholarship fund and will be accomplished in three phases.

We give thanks for servant leaders whose vision and dedication seeded a ministry that has grown five-fold and looks forward to serving thousands more international guests.

Harry F. Petersen and Carol A. Wood,
Co-Directors

Annual Report from Emmaus Homes, Inc. CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

What a wonderful centennial year it was as Emmaus celebrated a century of serving persons with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities.

First, January 31st was "Emmaus Sunday," with nearly 13,000 worshippers participating. Then, an original historic pageant, "The Heartroad to Opportunity," enjoyed great success. The cast of Emmaus residents, staff, and friends enjoyed relating stories of past contributions to the life of Emmaus. Stories of the founders, stories of Marthasville administrator John Ruhl, and stories of supporters such as the undertaker from southern Illinois who always sent a dressed pig to each "home" as his annual contribution.

The highlight of the event was the Emmaus Centennial Dinner, with over 750 persons in attendance to celebrate "A Century of Service" with an anthem by the Emmaus combined choirs and the Centennial address delivered by the Rev. Paul Sherry.

In November, television actor Chris Burke came to visit Emmaus. Chris, who portrayed Corky Thatcher on the ABC series "Life Goes On," was born with Down syndrome. During the day Chris and his parents were with us, receptions were held in Marthasville and St. Charles.

An exhausting, but wonderful year ... if only centennials could occur more often!

Warren R. Werner
Director of Development

T.L.C.

It is hard to imagine anyone who has not heard the initials "T.L.C." used to stand for the phrase *Tender Loving Care*. If per chance there are some among us who are not familiar with the term, chances are the Southeast Conference community is about to experience a renewed application of it through a project by members of the Stewardship Commission, chaired by Rev. Winston Clark.

In this connection the initials T.L.C. will be used to mean *Trust ... Love ... Commitment*. It is felt that just as *everyone* needs a little tender loving care, the Stewardship Commission members are developing their project around the notion that more trust—more love—and more commitment to our Southeast Mission and to each other can have very good overall effect on our total Conference community.

More than a gimmick, this project has grown out of prayerful considerations of several viable options to solve some of our most perplexing experiences of distrust, mistrust and divisiveness within our uniquely complex Conference membership. Look for more details.

Keynoters ...

Excitement x Two

Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson

Rev. Bernice Powell Jackson is the newly-elected Executive Director of the UCC Commission for Racial Justice, a national civil rights agency mandated by the UCC.

Rev. Jackson formerly served as Executive Associate to the President of the UCC and as Deputy Director of the Commission for Racial Justice from 1987 to 1989. For three years she was Director of the Bishop Tutu Southern African Refugee Scholarship Fund. She was also on the staff of New York Governor Hugh L. Carey, serving in the Women's Division and in the National Urban League.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Rev. Jackson lived for nearly 20 years in New York City. She is a graduate of Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA and holds master's degrees from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and from Union Theological Seminary.

Rev. Donald A. Gall

Sharing the podium with Rev. Jackson will be the Rev. Donald A. Gall of Edgeley, ND. Married to the former Patricia E. deJong, the Galls have three children: Debora, Craig, and Matthew.

Rev. Gall was educated at Yankton College in South Dakota; Hartford Seminary at Hartford, Connecticut; and Eden Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri. He has received many honors, among them the Chester David Hartranft Prize at Hartford Seminary and Community Leader of America in 1968.

Rev. Gall's first church was First Congregational in Whiting, IA. Since that time, he has served in Nebraska and Oregon, has held the position of Secretary for Churches in Community Mission, and served with the UCBWM in New York. Rev. Gall is now Conference Minister of the Iowa Conference UCC.

A writer of note, Rev. Gall has written for several magazines and is the author of a book, *The Eleventh Hour*, which analyzes the causes and results of world hunger.

Schedule for the 28th Annual Meeting
AT ST. JOHN'S UCC –
508 SECOND AVENUE, CULLMAN, AL 35055

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

1:00 p.m.	Display Setups
2:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
3:00-9:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m.	Buffet Supper
6:45 p.m.	Annual Meeting Opening & Music (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order
	Initial Business & Orientation
	Worship & Prayer
7:45 p.m.	Festive Worship Service
	Preacher: Donald Gall
9:00 p.m.	Reception & Cabaret with Bob Peeples

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

7:30-11:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Worship & Prayer
	Community Singing
	Announcements
8:30 a.m.	Business
10:30 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Keynote by Bernice Powell Jackson
12:00 noon	Lunch & Recognitions
1:45 p.m.	Resource Fair
2:00 p.m.	Business
4:00 p.m.	Worship & Summary Closing;
	Installations
6:00 p.m.	Banquet
7:10 p.m.	Worship & Communion
8:30 p.m.	Evening "Saturday Nite A-Live" – Bob Kurtz

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 a.m.	Worship – Bob Kurtz preaching
9:10 a.m.	Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship – Don Gall preaching
11:50 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE LAITY SUNDAY

JUNE 5, 1994

Sunday, June 5th has been declared Laity Sunday for the Southeast Conference. That day is set aside for this purpose so that pastors, leaders, and delegates may attend the entire Southeast Conference Annual Meeting in Cullman, AL, June 3-5.

In the next few weeks, your congregation will receive materials, by mail, to help you in planning this special service for your congregation. Included in these materials will be *liturgy and worship helps* that may be used, along with a *Sermon* entitled “*Cost & Joy*” which may be used that day by your speaker. All of the materials, along with the sermon, are based upon the theme of the 1994 Annual Meeting, “*JOY IN CHRIST! RECLAIM ... REKINDLE ... RELEASE!!!*”

Each congregation in the Southeast Conference is encouraged to allow its pastor(s) to attend the entire Annual Meeting (through noon on Sunday, June 5th) and thus plan to participate in Laity Sunday. Watch your mailbox for your worship materials.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

The 1994 Southeast Conference UCC
Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Conference Minister:

Are We “Dancing With Dinosaurs” ???

It's Easter! St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians reminding them that the Gospel is at the heart of ministry; it is good news which he received and passed on to them. Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose and appeared variously. Since then the church has lived by the message that Christ is alive, and we need not fear or despair. I needed Easter ... to reclaim the joy of the Gospel because the urgent demands crowd out and drain the vital juices of life. I need Easter because the resurrection makes all the difference. God is bringing things about when we don't expect it.

I am very grateful for the many leaders in the churches and conference, especially during the Sabbatical when I went on retreat, worked in the Iowa flood bottoms, studied at the Amistad Center, and rested and read. I hope all of our churches will provide renewal time for their pastors.

Many people are casualties today, of their relationships or situation. The consumerism and other “isms” we have bought into continue to make us pay their price. How crucial it is for churches to proclaim regularly God's victorious power. Luther's remark fits, “Work as if it all depended on you, believe and pray as if it all depended on God.” Keep attuned, friends, to the basic fundamentals of faith, and keep open the doors of our churches for the good news!

Of primary concern are congregations, and their leaders. These are difficult times when the demands are great; when loyalties and support are dwindling; when pastors are wearied and buffeted. Churches which do not grow find

themselves dealing with survival questions. William Easum, in *Dancing With Dinosaurs*, says that dinosaurs became extinct because they simply ate for their own survival; by analogy he says that many churches are becoming extinct for the same reason – consuming rather than feeding others. I agonize deeply over the churches who choose the isolation-survival-death pattern; and who discover late in life that mission is the key to life, and they lost their commitment some time ago.

It is a privilege, though sometimes bewildering, to be in or in touch with most of our congregations: pastoral search committees; pastor-parish concerns; ceremonial occasions; consulting about planning for the future; programming of various natures; and other visits. I am amazed at the amount of activities and caring which most churches do. I weep for many churches with glorious histories who aren't able to sustain much now. And, I am baffled by the misinformation and misperception which abounds. Our churches are very diverse, but all have had the question put to them, "Why would anyone want to come to this church?" I would hope every church in our fellowship could answer with two generic comments: "*Come to this church*, because of the magnificent heritage." Just think of the Freedmen's Bureau Schools, the amazing people produced through the churches here, and amazing acts of justice-witness by many unheralded people in the Southeast churches. And, "*come to this church*, and find an inclusive fellowship, a ministry of hospitality without judgment." This is a remarkable legacy because of God's Spirit moving people! Then tell of the joys and acts of ministry YOU are doing and invite them to share their talents and means for the mutual up-building of the Body of Christ.

It is very important to rediscover how to be family today. Our Conference is "family;" annual meeting is the family, gathered—those absent are missed. We all belong even if we may feel out of sorts. We mourn losses and celebrate new members. The family is bigger than the sum of its parts. We are aware that something has been happening to the family. There are broken ties, intergenerational conflicts, and struggles to maintain traditions and disciplines. We are an unbelievably diverse mix; no family can be "only our kind." We are, without having to create it, a multi-cultural church. Family life is best known at the Table, the center of worshipping community. How privileged we are that God has chosen us as the SEC, with the unique histories and traditions in the South, to be a witnessing fellowship here! And we look forward to our own "spiritual home" wherein the family and its parts can gather regularly to become family.

The Structures Committee will engage us all throughout the Conference around crucial issues of organization, programming, staffing, communications and other matters so that we, as a family, can discover what it is to be "family" in these times.

A word about commitment and finances: no church grows without committed members; no organization goes anywhere without the leaders first being committed. It is simply, "Who can be counted on?" Overall we've done fairly well on finances in the Conference, but it's very lopsided with some being very committed and others showing little support or commitment. Too long we have

avoided talk of tithing, or of calling each other to ALL get behind Make A Difference and the long-term funding of new churches and leaders. Our OCWM is not a luxury, an add-on, or bureaucracy; it is people-in-service in acts of compassion and justice. Let's be serious.

What are our hopes and expectations for the future? Developing leadership is most crucial—quality pastoral leadership that builds congregations; calling forth the next generation of youth as leaders in church and society; volunteer leaders whose faith, identity, education and justice concerns evidence God's spirit touching their hearts and hands.

These are momentous times. God is bringing us to see that life is hollow without our re-living the resurrection. This is a critically formative time for our churches and the Conference! "What is it like to be God's people, the Church, as the Body of Christ today?" How we answer that, how we live as a result of our response, is what makes all the difference in our lives, our church, and how we live in the world. So, friends, for us together, "How is it to be Christ's Body today where we are?"

Faithfully,
Roger Knight,
Conference Minister

Moderator: **Conference Life ...**

Recognizing that this is the last time that I will have an opportunity to communicate with many church members, pastors and friends here in the Southeast as the Moderator of the Conference, I discover a need to share some of the "highs" and "lows" of my tenure. It is genuinely gratifying to see new pastors and others serving in leadership roles; to watch the development of new church starts and re-energized churches; to be encouraged with the projections of the Identity Task Force and the Structures Committee; to have an "800" number that can increase communication with the Conference office; to note the strength of the Conference during the Conference Minister's sabbatical; to participate in the recapturing of several "lost" properties; to join in the anticipation of having a "retreat" center owned and operated by the Conference; to note the gradual increase of churches utilizing the national Insurance Program; and to share in the leadership development of the Ensminger Fisk Scholarship Fund which is being made available to Fisk University students and graduates. These are but a few of the exciting developments that have occurred during the past few years.

Just as importantly are the opportunities and challenges that we face: one of the most critical issues is that of financing the Conference and its activities. Our Church's Wider Mission giving has not been at a level that can sustain new initiatives or even present program. Yet, we can exult in the "Make-A-Difference" campaign commitments. We exceeded our basic goal prior to launching the campaign in the Southeast!

Special thanks and appreciation to the officers of the Board and all the Committee Chairpersons and Task Force and their respective members who have worked diligently throughout the year. We are all indebted to them for their contributions of time, talent and treasures. The staff of the Conference needs to be particularly appreciated for their dedication and competence. It is easy to criticize; but to “walk in their shoes” is an entirely different story. Let them know they are appreciated frequently—even if you disagree with them from time to time. We need to be “agreed to differ, resolved to love and united to serve.”

What a blessing to hold the 28th Annual Meeting of the Conference at St. John’s Church in Cullman, Alabama! To experience the warmth, hospitality and concern has been a moving and exhilarating experience. Thanks to pastor and members.

We can all savor the unique cultural diversity of this Conference. Unlike any of the other 38 conferences, we have a unique blessing in these different histories and cultures, language and worship forms. It is indeed a beautiful mosaic ... and we can learn from each other.

The future of the Conference is assured with the continued strengthening of churches and the closer working/fellowship relationships between and among associations and churches. It has begun already and has been seen in the events and activities sponsored by the Conference, such as: Clergy Retreat; Regional Women’s Retreat in Biloxi, MS; New Clergy Orientation; Human Sexuality Seminar; Social Action newsletter (with grant information); Local Church Leaders Guidebook; Word Among Us curriculum training; All-Conference Leaders Planning Retreat; Leaders for the Make-A-Difference campaign; Pension Board representatives’ meetings around the Conference; re-establishing close ties with institutions such as Fisk, Talladega, Tougaloo, Piedmont, Dorchester; Historians’ Workshop with UCC archivist Kay Schellhase; Professor James Nelson’s presentations on sexuality and ethics; church development activity with the Tougaloo Chapel; newsletter publication; and a dedicated Annual Meeting Committee.

I am humbled and deeply grateful for the time and the opportunity given to me to serve as your Moderator. May God’s blessings continue for each and all of us as we seek to be of greater service in God’s kingdom.

Dr. Erna Bryant

Associate Conference Minister:

Church Development:

The Other Side of Success Does Not Mean Failure

What could the great basketball player, Michael “Air” Jordan, have to do with local church development in Southeast Conference? He is the premier idol of pro-basketball fans and sports enthusiasts, but recently he had a notion to switch and play major league baseball instead. From the news we are getting following

this decision, it appears he is struggling to maintain the illustrious image at bat and around the bases that he developed at the baskets or “hoops” of basketball. In his response to new media inquiries about his decision and his dubious future as a baseball player, he is reported to have said that he is into baseball as a new professional sport simply because he is not afraid of failure.

Just recently our covenant partner in several of our local church development projects in the Conference has established an innovative support procedure aimed at encouraging us to have the same orientation about starting new churches. Added to the six church development models we have used in the past, we now have another called the “exploration” model. With this particular model we are informed that UCBHM will consider supporting us in local church development projects that may or may not have the clear promise of success. Admittedly, we are a bit “gun-shy” following some of our disappointments which we have shared with those we know in local church development projects and who have either failed or have experienced the fear of failure. The word attributed to Michael Jordan is just a contemporary reminder of a more ancient biblical concept that the other side of success does not have to be failure.

The official word from the United Church Board of Homeland Ministries in effect is that we should continue earnest efforts to start new churches, revise established churches, affiliate other churches, and not be afraid of failure. Our very first official “Exploration” Model will be the new church at Columbia, South Carolina, if the project is approved. Now we can move ahead without the crippling fear of failing because we have the assurance that if our one year of exploration there does not turn out to be all that we have hoped or dreamed it could be, ALL IS NOT LOST!

One final word of clarification should be considered about my use of a sports be considered about my use of a sports person metaphor. Unlike basketball and baseball, local church development in our Conference is not and must not ever be thought of as a spectator sport. We are in reality on the playing field or on the bench waiting our turn to help the team. It’s our team ... it’s our game ...! Our reasonable anxieties about money and other critical resources that always seem to be in relatively short supply, must be pushed away from the center of our communion table.

Rev. M. C. Johnson
Associate Conference Minister

Christian Social Justice Annual Report: Increasing Awareness and Participation

The Commission on Christian Social Justice met at the November Planning Meeting and held a conference call in January 1994. The following goals and project were defined for 1993-94. Progress toward these goals is indicated in brackets.

GOALS:

To increase awareness within the SEC of UCC-related social justice positions and actions.

To reduce the sense of isolation felt by individuals and groups within the SEC who are interested in social justice issues.

To increase participation in social justice issues by members of the UCC in SEC.

PROJECTS:

Education of Commission members about resources available within the UCC [Ongoing process].

Identification of individuals and groups within the SEC who are concerned with matters of social justice and the establishment of mechanism for networking [the first mailing to this network has been accomplished, with plans for three more within 1994].

Establishment of resource bank for social justice issues [the network mailing works toward this goal. Other commissions are also looking at establishing a resource center, and this Commission will work together with them].

Development and dissemination of criteria for allocation of funds designated for peace and hunger projects [information disseminated in February 1994, with application deadline of April 1, 1994. Those applications which are funded will be acknowledged at Annual Meeting].

Rev. Dorothy Gager, Chair

Women's Concerns & Issues in the Light of the Gospel

UCC women in our Southeast Conference are women in mission ... women engaged in reaching out to others sharing Christ's love in concrete ways in their churches, communities and beyond. They are also women concerned with justice for all. The Commission on Women in Church and Society seeks to provide resources and programs for churches and leaders dealing with women's concerns and issues in the light of the Gospel.

This has been a very full year for the Commission including:

1) Two Commission meetings (November and March), with great commitment and energy on the part of all.

2) An inspiring and stimulating Southern Regional UCC Women's Retreat in October at Biloxi, MS with some 50 SEC women attending.

3) Three outstanding laywomen, chosen by the Commission, were honored at General Synod in St. Louis. They were Trudy Braun, Erna Bryant and Lois Harry.

4) A number of our churches celebrated UCC Women's Week, February 6-12. Copies of *Common Lot* with creative worship and program suggestions were made available.

5) East Alabama Women's Fellowship held their Annual Retreat in August and their Spring Rally in March.

6) UCC women in the Atlanta Cluster were involved in an Interfaith Sister-to-Sister event in April.

7) Plans are underway for an Atlanta Sister-to-Sister event in January 1995 on "Violence Against Women."

8) The Women's Mite, chaired by Kathryn Robinson, continued to receive gifts (five cents a day per woman, \$18.15 a year, is suggested) and distributed scholarship aid for women to attend leadership events.

9) Rev. Frances Bryant-Lowery represented us in a UCC study seminar to South Africa, and is available for speaking in our Conference.

10) Efforts were made to improve communications about women's concerns and programs. One aspect of this is including articles regularly in the *SE News*.

11) A questionnaire was circulated to Southeast Conference clergywomen to explore program needs.

12) Efforts were made (and will continue) to increase the number of women in leadership positions in our associations and the Conference.

13) Proposals were sent to the Coordinating Center for Women for Neighbors in Need "Families in Crisis" grants for two local projects in our Conference.

14) All women and/or women's groups were/are urged to become partners in UCCWM (United Church of Christ Women in Mission) and regularly receive *Common Lot* and a variety of other resources.

15) Plans are already underway for the next Southern Regional UCC Women's Meeting at Blowing Rock, NC in October 1995 and for the National UCC Women's Meeting at Boston, MA in June 1996.

16) Of special note: Plan now to attend the Southeast Conference Women's Retreat at Shocco Springs near Talladega, AL, October 7-9, 1994 for a time of renewal, Christian community, learning and fun. Our theme is "She Has Done What She Could" and the keynote speaker will be Rev. Helen Pearson.

Please contact the Women's Commission with questions, suggestions or offers of help in regard to any concern or program.

Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown, Chair

Report of the Christian Education Commission: **The Word Is ... The Word Among Us**

The Christian Education Commission held a planning meeting last November in Birmingham, AL and had two telephone conference meetings. Two of our SEC associations were represented. Our theme, "Being Biblical People in the Nineties," was a continuation from the previous Commission. We reviewed the former goals and selected new goals for the year:

1) We seek to involve all churches in the Conference in Confirmation Study. The representatives from the associations are working on this issue through a questionnaire survey.

2) We are very excited about the event held in Atlanta on March 4-6 on the new curriculum, "WORD AMONG US," and appreciate the association members who were able to attend. We hope to have much follow-through from this event.

3) We planned for an hour workshop at the Clergy Retreat, April 18-21, 1994.

4) We are planning to have displays at all of the Association meetings in September and October.

Eventually, we hope to involve all people interested in education by exposing them to this material in the local churches and cluster meetings. There is a listing of resource materials to be made available to the churches of the Conference at this Annual Meeting.

As we look forward to making things happen in our Youth Council, we are hoping to provide leadership training through the Board of Homeland Ministries.

I am thankful for the privilege of serving in this capacity. I am praying, and I solicit your prayers, that we may continue to improve and provide a wholesome active program in Christian Education in the Conference which will touch every member of the family.

Yubenia Prigmore, Chair

Slate of Nominations, 1994

POSITIONS

CONTINUING

NOMINATIONS

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A Pastor Profile: Leadership & Inspiration Discovered at Antioch Congregational Church near Andalusia, Alabama

A former chaplain in the U.S. Army for some 25 years, Rev. Aulton Easley and his wife, Frances, began serving the Antioch community in November 1992. Immediately Rev. Easley endeared himself to the membership of this rural community, providing vital leadership and inspiration. With his visits to the sick at home and in the hospital, and with his devotion and concern to all members, church attendance has grown and continues to grow, as does community interest and participation in church activities.

This recent 2nd Annual Passion Week program which features the "Last Supper" was held on Palm Sunday and was a good measure of the pastor's influence on the church. Through Rev. Easley's guidance, gentle leadership and patience, the community has responded with a program that packed the house. The play, put on by the members of the church, served to strengthen and renew the Christian values Rev. Easley so clearly explains to the congregation in every service.

There is a deep respect among the membership of the church for pastor Easley and his wife. They have endeared themselves to these Antioch members by

proving to them that not only does God love them, but the Easleys love and care for them as well.

Thirteen fully costumed men of the Antioch Congregational Church portrayed Jesus and the Twelve apostles in the re-creation of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper." Jesus was portrayed by Robert Canant. The apostles were Alex Leonard, Frankie McVay, Woody Clark, Albert Braidsen, Bobby Baes, Eddie Rowell, Bruce Clark, David Hicks, Gordon Merrill, Ben Adams, Shelby Green and Gene Worley.

The Nominees: Who They Are

Richard Sales: Pastor, Birmingham Pilgrim; was Vice-Moderator & Program Committee Chair for 2 years.

Annie Neal: Member, Howard UCC, Nashville; Chair of Coordinating Center for Women, UCC

Elizabeth Clement: Member, First Congregational, Atlanta; student at Candler Seminary

Susan Ewing: Member, Sheares Memorial UCC, Chattanooga; has held several church leadership positions

Robert Kurtz: Pastor, St. John's UCC, Cullman; has had several positions in association and Conference programming

Paula Van Natta: Member, Huntsville UCC; member of NEER; delegate to Earth Summit in Brazil, 1992

Joyce Nelson: Member, Center Church UCC, Atlanta

Jack Yates: Retired Pastor, Pleasant Hill, TN; former Assistant to the President of the UCC

James Myers: Retired Pastor, First Congregational, Birmingham

Betty Sanderlin: Member, Pilgrim UCC, Chattanooga

Dyann Wilkerson: Member, First Congregational, Atlanta; former Chair of Nominating Committee

Lenda Sherrell: Member, Sheares Memorial UCC, Chattanooga; former Treasurer of SEC and General Synod delegate

Steve Parker: Member, First Congregational, Atlanta

Dorothy Gager: Clergy, Member of Howard UCC, Nashville; has been prior Chair of Social Justice Commission

Ted Braun: Retired Clergy, Pleasant Hill, TN

Joyce Myers-Brown: Clergy, member of Central Congregational, Atlanta; former missionary to Angola; prior Chair of Women's Commission

Jean Reid: Member, Howard UCC, Nashville

Flora Wilson-Bridges: Pastor, Amistad Fellowship, Marietta; Professor of Religion, Spelman College

Vanessa Robbs: Member, Pilgrim UCC, Chattanooga

Wayde Washburn: Clergy, Member of Oak Grove, Pine Mountain; substance abuse counselor

Debbie Douglas: Member, UCC, Crossville; Co-Chair of Annual Meeting Committee, plus other leadership positions

Stephen Sterner: Pastor, Central Congregational, Atlanta; Chair of Finance Committee

Louise Cox: Member, Pleasant Grove UCC, LaFayette; numerous leadership positions

Dzauya Nkuchwayo: Youth, Central Congregational, Atlanta; Youth Council, SEC; attended National Youth Event in Wisconsin.

1994 Proposed Budget—Income & Expenses

The Board of Directors proposes for adoption the following 1995 budget for the Southeast Conference. Included for comparison are adopted 1994 budgets and the revised 1994 budget.

	1994 Adopted	1994 Revised	1995 Proposed
INCOME			
OCWM Support	185,000	165,000	167,000
Church Development	22,000	22,000	20,000
Investment Income	17,500	21,000	21,000
Reimbursement, etc.	4,500	1,000	4,500
Association Special Support	6,000	9,500	7,500
UCBHM/Staff Support	21,000	21,000	21,000
TOTAL INCOME	256,000	239,500	241,000

EXPENSE

Mission Beyond the Conference			
OCWM National	22,000	*13,000	*13,000
General Synod	1,000	1,000	4,000
Conference Ministers Council	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	24,000	15,000	18,000

(* first monies of above expenses go to OCWM/National)

Mission Within the Conference

Church Development	0	0	0
Resource Material	500	500	500
SE News/Packets	4,000	3,500	3,500
Annual Meeting	1,000	1,000	1,000
Staff Travel	12,092	11,592	11,592
Commissions:			
Church & Ministry	500	400	0
Social Justice	500	400	0
Christian Ed/Youth	500	400	0

Outreach/Stewardship	500	400	0
Church Development	500	400	0
Women (including National Meeting)	500	400	0
Program Fund	2,000	1,600	*3,700
Church Projects	22,000	22,000	20,000
Total	44,592	42,592	40,292
(* to be distributed to all programs)			
Conference Organization & Operation			
Board of Directors	3,500	3,000	3,500
Executive Committee	600	500	100
Personnel Committee	600	500	100
Finance Committee	600	500	600
Nominating Committee	250	150	100
Annual Meeting Committee	600	500	750
Total	6,150	5,150	5,150
Office Operation			
Rent	9,100	9,000	9,000
Telephone	6,400	6,400	9,500
Office Supplies	4,000	4,000	2,500
Postage	5,000	5,000	4,000
Equipment Lease	0	0	0
Equipment Maintenance	3,785	2,785	3,785
Auditors	2,000	2,000	1,000
Dues & Fees	180	180	180
Worker's Compensation	800	800	900
Liability Insurance	800	600	800
Total	32,065	30,765	31,665
Personnel	146,193	145,000	145,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	1,000	893
TOTAL EXPENSE	257,000	239,507	241,000

Finance Committee: A Year of Ups and DOWNs

The Finance Committee has continued to work on strengthening the fiscal vitality of the Southeast Conference. Major accomplishments in 1993 include the completion of audits of the Conference financial records. The auditor's reports are on file in the Conference Office. These reports indicate the Conference records have been accurate. All funds are accounted for and reported in the proper categories. The Committee continues to work with Lester Ariail and Adrienne

Laraway in the implementation of some suggestions on clarifying our reporting procedures. Much has already been accomplished toward this end.

The Conference Endowment funds continue to grow at the United Church Foundation. We have received a matching endowment contribution from the United Church of Christ. This contribution has pushed our investment income to approximately \$21,000. That income has been absolutely critical in supporting the basic operation of the Conference!

The Visions Campaign received over \$170,000. Thanks to all who made this such a successful endeavor. In addition to beginning the endowment of the Conference, these funds have provided support for new church development, office relocation, preliminary study for a Conference Center, identity development, and the initiation of a 1-800 number for the Southeast Conference.

Sadly we must report that OCWM contributions declined for the second straight year. This shortfall has severely impacted the work of the Conference. We encourage every congregation to consider increasing OCWM support for 1994. It is incumbent upon each of us to keep the visions of our Conference before us. That will take renewed commitment to OCWM!

The Committee wishes to extend deep gratitude to Adrienne and Lester for their untiring efforts for the Conference. As chair, I would like to extend my gratitude for the faithful service of the whole committee throughout this past year. I am especially grateful for the support provided by our Conference staff: Mitchell Johnson, Barbara O'Connor, and Roger Knight.

Rev. Stephen L. Sterner

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1993

ASSETS

Current Assets:

UCF – Ensminger	128,826.39
UCF – Designated	317,003.80
UCF – Endowment	154,366.08
Merrill Lynch – Designated	59,270.58
Petty Cash	43.56
Bank Account #1 (General)	19,401.03
Accounts Receivable	12,430.03
Prepaid Insurance	1,147.01
Prepaid Other	(600.00)
Temporary Transfer	93.50
Total Current Assets	691,981.98

Fixes Assets:

Office Equipment	18,057.60
Accumulated Depreciation – Office Equipment	(16,433.43)
Total Fixed Assets	1,624.17

Other Assets:	.00
Total Other Assets	.00
TOTAL ASSETS	693,606.15

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	657.49
Deferred Revenue	1,544.31
Operative Reserve	7,519.59
Federal Income Tax Withheld	56.00
FICA Tax Withheld	47.73
State Income Tax Withheld	302.54
Total Current Liabilities	10,127.66

Long Term Liabilities

UCF – Designated Fund Growth	17,605.38
Ensminger Fund	128,826.39
SEC – Strengthen the Church	1,725.06
SEC – Hunger Action	821.44
SEC – Peace	833.13
Interest – UCF	369.49
GA-SC Association	769.99
Elon Home for Children	605.50
Morgan-Scott Project	337.00
Uplands, Inc.	1,040.50
Habitat for Humanity	514.00
Women's Mite	2,454.06
Columbia Building Fund	1,600.00
Columbia Aided Fields, SEC	5,952.41
National Youth Event	183.33
SEC Women's Meeting	925.67
Other Designated Funds	20,968.43
Church Development – Columbus	76,944.97
Church Development – Macon	96,078.36
Special New Church Development	5,313.94
Special Gifts	2,750.00

Special Campaign

Identity	11,394.47
SEC Endowment Fund	177,701.22
Relocation	14,601.74
Church Development	32,539.05
Leadership	28,659.20
Total Long Term Liabilities	631,514.73

TOTAL LIABILITIES	641,642.39
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EQUITY

Retained Earnings	43,372.29
Current Year Profit (Loss)	8,591.47
Total Equity	51,963.76

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**693,606.15*****GIVE US YOUR INPUT: Share The “View!”***

The task which is before the Structures Committee is to “view” the whole Conference for the most effective organization, programming, staffing and leadership which will lead us to good communication. Feedback is being sought from the Board of Directors and all association executive committees. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, send them to Dr. Truman Moore, c/o Conference Office; or his home phone at 404-934-2881.

***Resolution for Membership in
Georgians United Against Violence***

**Sponsor(s): The Social Action Committee, Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC.
Contact person: Betty Stark, Chair, P.O. Box 183, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578**

WHEREAS, GEORGIANS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

is a coalition of organizations and citizens’ groups in Georgia who are united by a common concern to reduce violence in our State, our communities, our schools, and our families, and

WHEREAS, GEORGIANS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

is motivated by a broad moral imperative that seeks a more just and peaceable social order, based on respect for the value and dignity of individual human life, and

WHEREAS, GEORGIANS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

seeks to influence and educate the public will through elected leaders and political structures, through educational institutions and structures, through community organizations and civic groups, and through religious groups and ecclesiastical structures, and

WHEREAS, GEORGIANS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

seeks the cooperation of the police as well as gang leaders and citizens’ groups in reclaiming the streets and restoring tranquility to our neighborhoods, and

AND WHEREAS, GEORGIANS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

intends to work through task groups which focus on the causes as well as the effects of violence, including gun control, conflict resolution training, and reducing violence in media programming.

BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Southeast Conference formally endorses the work of GEORGIANS AGAINST VIOLENCE and will become a member and participate in its work through the Social Justice Committee, GA.-S.C. Association, and that the Social Justice Commission will support and monitor our membership and participation through prayer, advice, and other means consistent with the Spirit of non-violence.

***Resolution on Health Care for All:
A Matter of Faith & Justice***

**Sponsor(s): The Social Action Committee, Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC.
Contact person: Betty Stark, Chair, P.O. Box 183, Pleasant Hill, TN 38578**

WHEREAS, thirty-seven million Americans have no health insurance, including 8 million children, and an additional 70 million with inadequate insurance, making effective health care inaccessible or prohibitively expensive, and

WHEREAS, health care expenditures in the United States continue to escalate and are now more than 12% of Gross National Product, without evidence of comparable effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, there is enormous waste in administrative inefficiency, duplication and bureaucracy, in unnecessary or unproven service, and in uncontrolled liability expenses, and

WHEREAS, the United States shares the dubious distinction with South Africa as the only Western industrialized nations which have not made a commitment to universal access to health care for all its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the General Synods of the United Church of Christ in July 1991 and 1993 have designated Universal Health Care as a priority for study and action, and the Southeast Conference has confirmed this commitment and has studied the issues during the past two years, and

WHEREAS, a confusing variety of health care reform measures has been introduced into the United State Congress,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the time has come for the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ, and its individual members, to raise their voices in support of specific measures which will best accomplish the goals of

universal access with defined benefits and standards nationally mandated, including long-term and rehabilitation care, mental health, and prescription drugs, and emphasis on prevention and health promotion, with financing based on ability to pay, primarily through the tax structure, and with control of costs through administrative simplification, along with quality control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ and its constituent members join in support of the Interreligious Health Care Access Campaign and the United Church of Christ Universal Health Care Task Force to continue to press for publicly financed single payer Health Care System, i.e., U.S. Senate Bill 491 (Wellstone) and U.S. House Bill 1200 (McDermott) which bills merit our support as most nearly accomplishing the desired goals of "HEALTH CARE FOR ALL: A MATTER OF FAITH AND JUSTICE."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senators and Congress-persons who represent our constituent churches, and that member of churches individually and collectively petition and lobby for the above reforms.

Statement of Concern:

Violence in Society and the Role of the Church

Presented by the Social Justice Committee, Ga.-S.C. Association, Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ

People with eyes to see and ears to hear, need not be told that violence has become a deadly virus in our nation, in our cities, and in our communities ... even in our homes and neighborhoods.

We are being made more aware of violent behavior by media reporting, which appears to arouse more fear than concern. Violent games are fed to our children by video companies as the quick and easy way to solve conflicts. Guns soon change from toys to weapons for taking to school. Our nation is still the largest exporter of weapons of destruction; and there are more guns in the United States than there are people. Gun control is now a national priority, and we have reached a saturation point in the availability of handguns and assault weapons whose basic purpose is to kill people.

The Church and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are called and challenged to respond to violence with non-violence. Our theological model is Jesus Himself and our social ethics perspective is Matthew 25 where Jesus tell us all persons and nations are judged by the way they respond to the needs of the "least of our brothers and sisters."

Until a congregation becomes convinced theologically through study and prayer that the God who acts through history does so through the actions of women and men, it will never act in defense of its values but will rather encourage its members to accept the world the way it is.

The following quote from the book *Activism That Makes Sense* by Gregory F. Pierce, applies to us and other religious institutions. It calls upon us to choose:

“How can our churches respond to the violence in our society? First, by understanding violence in a larger perspective than gun control and more harsh control of criminal behavior. Unfortunately gun control does not necessarily produce crime control which is the public’s primary interest ... as seen in the demand for more police, more jails, and bigger prisons, and earlier and longer sentencing. We as Christian realists need to look at crime and criminal activity with Christ’s compassion and just as illegal behavior. We need to see crime also as the by-product of un-caring attitudes and the devaluation of fellow human beings caught up in the cycle of poverty, in a lack of gainful employment or affordable housing, in frustration and despair which produce escapist substance abuse and crime to sustain such habits.”

We need to act in coalitions with organizations who are seeking to respond to violence in our respective communities.

We need to educate and influence the public will by contacting legislators and community leaders. A telephone call, a brief letter expressing concern is within our ability to influence the decision-making process.

We need to organize programs within our churches and organizations to which we belong and deal with different aspects of violence and non-violence; e.g., conflict resolution training in our schools, in our families and elsewhere.

What we try to do at the local level shows how we care about others. If we pray long enough, the spirit of God will tell us what to try.

Resolution: Sabbatical for Clergy

Sponsor(s): Personnel Committee. Contact person: Rev. Roy Bain, Lanett Congregational Christian Church, P.O. Box 626, Lanett, AL 36863

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is concerned about the total work of the Southeast Conference and,

WHEREAS, the clergy are an integral part of the Conference and,

WHEREAS, the well-being of the clergy impacts on the well-being of the churches and,

WHEREAS, Jesus took time to withdraw and take time away from the day-to-day activities of his mission to pray, study and be refreshed and,

WHEREAS, clergy need to follow the example of Jesus,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual clergy retreat of the Southeast Conference clergy be supported by each local church and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Sabbatical of at least three months per five years of ministry by provided and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Sabbatical be used by clergy to refocus on ministry, for prayer, studying relevant and current issues facing the church and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ, asks the churches of the Conference to give serious, prayerful consideration to this proposal and,

finally,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference commends those churches currently providing Sabbaticals for clergy.

Identity Task Force Update

What an exciting time for members of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ! New beginnings are happenings. I recently heard a Macon minister, who has been involved with many aspects of the ecumenical movement say, "now is an exciting time to be involved with Congregational churches, especially in the Southeast."

Identity Task Force (ITF) has been at work during the past two years making plans. In September of 1992, the SEC Board of Directors established guidelines for creating the ITF, its basic function being to develop materials/resources and to promote our denominational identity in our churches, and the public of the SEC (Goal III of Visions '91 Campaign).

Anne Ariail, present chair of the ITF, reports that a ten-page resolution and course of action was presented to the SEC Board on April 9, 1994. Included were:

YOUTH IDENTITY: Establish yearly retreats for teens and pre-teens.

EDUCATION: Orientate leaders and pastors to available materials and methods on topics of UCC/SEC.

HISTORY: Compile a usable past and present history of the SEC/UCC and identify national leaders who were/are UCC members.

PUBLICITY: Increase visual presence and positive written/spoken publicity about UCC/SEC.

The Board of Directors accepted the ITF's resolution and planned course of action. They approved the following budget: Youth \$4,000 (35%); Education/History \$2,600 (23%); Publicity \$4,100 (37%); Expenses \$600 (5%); totaling \$11,300.

In the coming year, you will see results of the work of the ITF in the form of invitations for you to participate in Youth work, Education, History and/or Publicity.

Each local church can participate by surveying its church community and determining how to publicize SEC/UCC/Local Church better. Local church signs can be purchased from Cokesbury (1-800-672-1789) for \$55 each.

Our unique identity is to be committed Christians, individually and within our UCC/SEC community, both NOW and TOMORROW! An ITF summary will be made during the SEC Annual Meeting, June 1994.

Anne Ariail

Conference Retreat Center Committee Report

Several years ago in the movie "The Wizard of Oz," Judy Garland made a profound statement. She said, "There's no place like home." I think that all of you will agree with that statement for there IS no place like home. For a long time now, some of us have had the vision that some day we could have a "home" for the Southeast Conference where we could come together as "people of faith" to share, to dream and to think about our future as individuals, as churches and as the Southeast Conference. The idea of a Conference retreat center was presented last year at our Annual Meeting, and a resolution to explore feasibility was passed. This would be a "Discipleship Center" for spiritual formation, training and renewal of faith, reconciliation and commitment. We felt a very positive response from all of those who were there. As a committee, we realize that this is a big undertaking and want all of you to know that we are trying to be very careful in our study of the possibility of a retreat center. The last thing we need is another burden for our Conference.

We met with the Board of Directors this past January to discuss our progress at this point of our study. We have enlisted the counsel of Rev. Richard Chamberlain, Outdoors Ministry of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. We have met with him twice and will be meeting with him again in April. We are trying to do our homework well. At this point it looks like it will be a year or so before we can really give the Conference and the Board of Directors a full report on cost, design, purpose, mission, etc. ... all those things necessary before a final vote can be made by us as a Southeast Conference.

I would like to thank Mrs. Lala Allen for being willing to share some of her land with our Conference. For those of you who do not know here, she has been a tremendous help to our Conference over the years and is one of the most beloved people in Alabama. She is well known in many circles in the state. We are fortunate to have such a devoted Christian in our midst who is willing to share God's gifts with the Conference.

I want to thank the committee for attending so many meetings this past year. This is a very devoted group of people and share together a lot of gifts here in the Southeast. We are not a poor conference, for we are rich in talent and caring.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank Roger Knight for always being there for us. He has been most helpful in trying to keep us on the right course. Roger brings fresh visions to our Conference and helps us to see what is and what can be.

And, thanks to you, our beloved Southeast Conference, for your prayers, love and support.

Rev. Floyd Carmack,
Chairperson

Heritage Committee Annual Report

Ms. Kay K. Schellhase, UCC Archivist, located at the Philip Schaff Library, Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, will make an official visit to Atlanta on May 5th and 6th. Ms. Schellhase will review the Conference archival holdings and will meet with the members of the Heritage Committee. The UCC Archivist and the Historical Council have developed guidelines for the recording, maintenance and preservation of local church and conference records. The Heritage Committee will review these guidelines and determine how they may best be shared with UCC pastors and local church historians/archivists in the Conference.

It is important, therefore, that every local church maintain a complete record of its activities and that the Conference office in turn maintain files on the local churches in its area.

Rev. Channing R. Jeschke and Ms. Frances Smith,
Co-Chairs

Church Historians

Ms. Kay Schellhase, Archivist for the UCC, will lead a workshop for local church historians of the SEC ... and any other interested persons, at the Conference Office from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6th. The Heritage Committee will meet with her earlier in the morning as she is here on Thursday and Friday. The rich history of churches in the Southeast is very critical to our life and future. If you have questions or comments, contact the Heritage Committee: Ms. Frances Smith or Rev. Channing Jeschke, Co-Chairs; and Ms. Idella Childs or Ms. Kathryn Childers. Ms. Schellhase brings valuable education and experience to help us all in the UCC to reclaim the living heritage of our traditions.

Today's Church: Beyond a Parable

William Easum gives us much to ponder in his new book, *Dancing with Dinosaurs* (Abingdon Press).

"Congregations whose membership has plateaued or is declining have much in common with dinosaurs! Both have great heritages. Both require enormous amounts of food. Both influenced their world tremendously. And both became endangered species. Will many of our congregations, like the dinosaurs, become extinct?

No one knows scientifically why dinosaurs became extinct, so this analogy might be helpful. Over time the plant growth was stunted by the dinosaur's tremendous appetite. Still, food was plentiful if the dinosaur merely bent down to reach the vegetation. But perhaps the dinosaur's neck was too stiff to bend down to the vegetation, or the dinosaur was too nearsighted to see the vegetation. Perhaps dinosaurs became extinct because of their unwillingness or inability to see what was happening all around them.

Many congregations today have the same problem. Like the dinosaur, they have a voracious appetite. Much of their time, energy, and money is spent foraging for food, so that little time is left to feed the unchurched. And faced with a radically changing world, many are unwilling to feed where they have never fed before. Either their pride or their nearsightedness keeps them from changing the ways they minister to people. And they are running out of food. White upper-middle-income Protestants are declining, the world is becoming culturally and racially diverse and unchurched.

All around are unchurched, hurting people. America has a far greater population today than when Protestantism was at its peak in 1964. Food is everywhere. But many refuse to change their methods and structures to minister to people where they are in ways they can understand. Like the dinosaur, their necks are too stiff or their eyes too nearsighted.

Clearly, God doesn't care if these congregations survive; but God passionately cares if they meet the spiritual needs of those God sends their way. Congregations must deal with their stiff necks or their nearsightedness, or go the way of the dinosaur."

Will the future be a frontier for renewal in the life and mission of the church? The rate of change in the culture is moving at an awesome pace. Churches are being impacted in profound ways. Is there hope?

You will remember a parable that Jesus told: "neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but the new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." Matthew 9:17.

The church, like an old wineskin, has effectively carried forth the good news of the Gospel in North America for over two centuries. Now we hear and read of decline. Some say it will take the new wine of the Gospel put in fresh new wineskins to connect with a new generation. Some write that the new mission field is North America and the church is a mission outpost on the frontier of change in a culture increasingly hostile to the Christian message.

There is a warning and a note of hope in the parable. The warning is that looking backward to days and ways gone by will inevitably lead to extinction like the dinosaurs. We value our memory and our heritage and that is a gift of God. But our hope is caught up in the future that God is unfolding before us. The substance of the Gospel does not change, but the medium through which that message is conveyed must change to connect to an emerging global people. Surely the Holy Spirit enlivens us for that future! One writer counsels the church by saying: "if

churches only improve what they have been doing they will die." Another says: "the sure way of failure today is to merely improve on yesterday's successes." The new wine of the Gospel needs to be contained in fresh new wineskins that will not break.

We end where we began with United Methodist writer and minister William Easum pointing the way: "New life comes to us on its way to someone else. If we pass it on to others, we blossom and grow; if we keep it to ourselves, we wither and die. This is the message of the Gospel in a nutshell. We must teach the dinosaurs of our churches how to dance to its tune."

Gayle Engel
Missouri Conference Minister
The Courier
March 1994

*NOTE: Thanks, Gayle. In your full article you identified your hopes. That is also our challenge: What are YOUR hopes for *your) church today? And what evidences show the vitality of new life in Christ?*

United Church of Christ Marriage Encounter Comes to the Southeast

The UCC Marriage Encounter (ME) Expression will be holding its first weekend in Huntsville, AL, June 17-19, 1994, at the Sheraton Hotel. The weekend is a retreat for those with good marriages who wish to nurture your relationship, grow personally and as a couple, and to regain some of the romance and infatuation you had earlier. It is Friday to Sunday evening and in between, you will identify feelings, laughing and perhaps crying. It is a big time commitment and is hard work, but the rewards are commensurate with your effort!

Bill and Amy Chew, Southeastern Area Coordinators, attended their first weekend in 1979 in Fullerton, California. Married ten years, they believed they had a pretty good marriage, in fact, better than most; times of disillusionment, to be sure, but still each other's best friend. They knew nothing about ME, but decided to go on the recommendation by a co-worker who said that its purpose was to improve good marriages.

During the weekend, Bill and Amy listened to presentations by a clergy couple and three lay couples that led them to discover things about themselves they had not recognized. The lead couples also presented a way of communicating that minimizes the threat of confrontation and encourages open and honest communication. The weekend was full of discoveries, laughter, tears, and left both with an experience that was profound, enriching and enlightening.

The ME weekend was so important to the Chews that they wanted to share it. They volunteered to participate with the "post-encounter" community; and eventually became United Church of Christ Marriage Encounter, Southern California Coordinators.

Returning to Huntsville, the Chews dreamed of bringing UCCME to the Southeast. Tim Morrison, pastor of Pilgrimage UCC in Marietta, was also interested. In the summer of 1993, UCCME committed to hold a weekend in Huntsville in 1994. Bill, Amy, and Tim dream of alternating weekends in Huntsville and Atlanta to make it easier for persons to attend from anywhere in the Conference.

The weekend is paid for by couples who have attended previous weekends; therefore, the only guaranteed cost is a non-refundable \$25 registration fee. This is an opportunity all couples deserve. Let Bill or Amy, or Tim know if you think you or couples in your church might be interested in attending, so they can arrange a time to get together with you to fully describe the weekend and answer questions.

Bill & Amy Chew, 1401 Old Carriage Lane, Huntsville, AL 35802, (205) 882-3727; Rev. Tim Morrison, Pilgrimage UCC, 3755 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, GA 30066, (404) 971-0007.

FAITH WORKS '94

All across the United Church of Christ we have felt the eagerness to gather for another Faith Works; a time of inspiration, learning and community life. Now Faith Works '94 is becoming a reality. This time we will gather at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, July 2-6, 1994.

Faith Works '94 will be filled with music! Christian recording artist Bryan Sirchio; Fisk Jubilee Singers; composer Dwight Andrews; Kim and Reggie Harris; plus other composers and multi-cultural performers.

Hundreds of people have helped in planning Faith Works '94. This work will enable us to make new connections between our faith and the day-to-day ways in which we move toward reconciliation, service, compassion, justice and peace.

For more information, call 1-800-294-3994. Or call the Conference Office for brochures and costs.

HOMELESS IS NOT HOPELESS

The Social Justice Committee of the GA/SC Association of the UCC issued a Call to Care to local UCC congregations at a "Models of Homeless Ministry" in Atlanta workshop which was held Oct. 16, 1994 at Central Presbyterian Church. A sub-title could have been "Homeless is not Hopeless." Nine agencies involved in ministry to people who are homeless, described their programs not only of feeding, clothing and sheltering, but of empowerment, advocacy and action, emotional and religious support, job preparation, communications, support services for people leaving the programs, and hope for the future. Agencies participating were Trinity Community Ministries, Welcome House, Atlanta Union Mission, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Francis Table, Samaritan House, Central Presbyterian Church, and People for Urban Justice. Joe Houston of the Task Force for the

Homeless stated that 59,000 people were housed in shelters or transition homes in 1993.

Rev. Houston Wheeler, Chair of the Social Justice Committee and involved with People for Urban Justice, spoke of the need for a "Miracle of Affordable Housing" replacing loaves and fishes with tax breaks and Federal grants. Samaritan House volunteer Jeff Smith stated, "I must feel that each person standing before me is Christ!" That was a unanimous feeling.

Our congregations will again be "Called to Care" at a "hate groups workshop" at Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, on October 22, 1994.

CALLED TO CARE:

RESPONDING TO HATE GROUPS

Saturday, October 22, 1994 at Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, Georgia

This workshop will explore ways of responding to groups in our communities whose missions are based on hatred of ethnic, religious and other groups. Facilitated by the Center for Democratic Renewal.

To receive an informational brochure, call Houston Wheeler at (404) 624-9079.

Sponsored by the GA-SC Association Social Justice Committee.

OCWM GIVING 1993:

CURRENT & YEAR ENDING 1993

Ala/Tenn Association	1/1-3/31/94	1993
Alpine, King's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Athens, Trinity Congregational	0.00	0.00
Belvidere, 1st UCC	707.75	6,399.55
Birmingham, 1st Congregational	0.00	3,950.00
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,350.00	5,400.00
Chattanooga, 1st CC	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	1,890.08	15,795.00
Chattanooga, Sheares	358.00	477.00
Crossville, UCC	750.00	3,300.00
Cullman, St. John's	1,550.00	6,875.00
Deer Lodge, Congregational	300.00	1,200.00
Fairfield Glade, CC	925.00	3,500.00
Garden City, Congregational	115.50	462.00
Glenmary, Congregational	0.00	100.00
Hanceville, Mountain Grove	0.00	150.00
Knoxville, Church of the Savior	2,250.00	0.00
Marion, 1st Congregational	0.00	100.00
Montgomery, First	0.00	1,900.00
Nashville, 1st United	1,000.00	6,000.00
Nashville, Brookmeade	225.00	900.00
Nashville, Howard	0.00	600.00

Pleasant Hill, CC	3,750.00	18,600.00
Robbins, Barton Chapel	0.00	300.00
Sweetwater, First	250.00	250.00
Talladega, 1st Congregational	100.00	100.00
Tougaloo, Union UCC	0.00	150.00
United Church – Huntsville	0.00	9,000.00
Waverly, UCC	40.00	160.00
	15,561.33	85,968.55

East Ala/W. Ga Association

Alexander City, First	0.00	0.00
Columbus, United	0.00	0.00
Dadeville, Elder	0.00	355.00
E. Tallassee, CC	0.00	114.00
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Five Points, State Line	0.00	0.00
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	315.00	549.00
LaGrange, Hillside	0.00	0.00
LaGrange, United	0.00	33.00
Lanett	589.00	1,519.00
Langdale	0.00	315.00
Phenix City, Russell Woods	0.00	855.00
Pine Forest	0.00	0.00
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	0.00	790.00
Roanoke, Antioch	570.00	570.00
Roanoke, Bethany	0.00	0.00
Roanoke, First	0.00	0.00
Roanoke, Forest Home	0.00	0.00
Roanoke, New Hope	570.00	570.00
Roanoke, North Main	190.00	760.00
Roanoke, Rock Stand	0.00	0.00
Valley, Todd Congregational	0.00	0.00
Wadley, Corinth Christian	0.00	0.00
Wedowee, Noon Day	0.00	0.00
West Point, Bethel	0.00	0.00
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	456.00	2,622.00
	2,690.00	9,528.00

Ga/S. Carolina Association

Atlanta, Center	0.00	0.00
Atlanta, Central	6,693.75	25,500.00
Atlanta, First	0.00	13,750.00
Atlanta, Rush	0.00	1,000.00
Atlanta, UCC	0.00	0.00

Beachton, Evergreen	0.00	495.00
Braselton, Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0.00	0.00
Charleston, Circular	666.66	4,000.00
Charleston, Plymouth	0.00	1,350.00
Demorest, Federated	0.00	470.24
Dewy Rose, Liberty	0.00	0.00
Jonesboro, Trinity	1,800.00	6,900.00
Lilburn, Gwinnett Community	0.00	1,500.00
Marietta, Pilgrimage	2,000.00	2,250.00
Midway, Congregational	200.00	700.00
Savannah, First	0.00	1,400.00
Thomasville, Bethany	0.00	100.00
Marietta, Amistad	0.00	0.00
	11,560.41	59,815.24

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Andalusia, Antioch	500.00	1,300.00
Andalusia, First CC	55.00	470.00
Baker, Good Hope	0.00	0.00
Baker, Pyron	0.00	0.00
Bonifay, New Effort	0.00	0.00
Brantley, Indian Creek	0.00	0.00
Brantley, Liberty Congregational	100.00	0.00
Clio, New Hope	0.00	450.00
	655.00	2,220.00

A Joyful Annual Meeting to You!

We wish you a joy-filled 28th Annual Meeting to be held at the beautiful St. John's Church in Cullman, Alabama. It takes a whole year to put everything in place ... we hope you like the results.

Our theme, "Joy in Christ: Reclaim, Rekindle, Release" will be evident everywhere. We have been contacted by Rev. Karl Whiteman (First United UCC, Belvidere, TN, 615-967-0180/0380) of the Planning Committee, who has asked us to communicate the following information to all congregations:

1) Banners: Each church is requested to bring a banner to decorate the hall. If available, bring own floor pole, base or other hanging provision, such as cord/dowel rod, etc. If assistance will be needed, please advise Don Richter through St. John's Church, Cullman, AL (205-734-0344). If special banner(s) are to be developed, the meeting theme might be a beneficial guide. Of course, banners representing your church also are most welcome.

2) Booth/Table Space: Regular eight-foot tables will be available for display space. Whether full or half table, etc. and whether electrical connection will be

needed is also requested to be communicated to St. John's Church by May 15, 1994.

3) Laity Sunday: All churches in the SEC are strongly urged to observe Laity Sunday on June 5th in order that their pastors might be permitted and encouraged to remain at the Annual Meeting through Sunday morning. Each association moderator has been contacted and requested to ask each and every congregation to endorse this effort to enhance the SEC Annual Meeting.

4) Save \$\$ on Early Registration: Registration at the door will be \$54 per person, but will only be \$39 per person for all registrations received by May 2nd. All churches should have received their Annual Meeting Registration Forms which explain other savings plans. Since motel accommodations are advisable, some area motels include Comfort Inn, Howard Johnson's, Days Inn, and the Anderson Motel.

Although it will be necessary to take care of some business, we always attempt to keep sessions lean and compact. We invite you to come and celebrate and witness to the transforming power of God.

A Festival of Talents will again be featured with local church talents sharing stories, pictures, skits, music, etc. *Come share the "joy."*

Who can Attend the Annual Meeting?

The Annual Meeting is open to everyone. However, only certain people can vote in the plenary sessions which decide on officers, budget and resolutions. Voting persons are delegates from churches; all ordained clergy, licensed and commissioned ministers; and members of the Board of Directors. Each church up to 100 members is entitled to a minimum of two delegates. One additional delegate is awarded for every 100 members over the first 100 members. Membership of churches is determined by Yearbook reports filed with the Conference Office.

A Profile

Robert James Kurtz,

Pastor, St. John's United Church in Cullman, Alabama

The Rev. Bob Kurtz walked away from a six-figure income and his prestige as a top TV golf commentator and uncanny football forecaster, to play on a very different field ... the role as pastor of local churches in the United Church of Christ. Kurtz, 52, answered the call to be pastor of St. John's United Church in Cullman, Alabama. He came to the 1100-member church from Nashville, Tennessee where he served for six years as pastor of the First United Church, UCC.

The new minister was educated at Yankton, SD, and Des Moines, IA. He also studied radio, television and film in Evanston, IL. He is a Norfolk, Virginia native and was ordained 25 years ago in his father's church. Both his late father and his brother became UCC ministers and his older brother, Charles, is currently pastoring St. John's UCC in Ackley, Iowa. In accepting the Cullman pastorate, Bob

returned to the state of Alabama where his mother was born and where his mother's family has deep roots.

Rev. Bob Kurtz is currently serving as chairperson of the Ala/Tenn's Stewardship and OCWM Committee. He also organized the recent Evangelism Institutes in Atlanta.

DIRECTIONS TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

From I-65 at Exit 310, go east on Highway 157 to U.S. Highway 31 South. Turn to the right and go to downtown Cullman. At Fourth Street S.W., turn left at Cullman Savings & Loan. Go three blocks to Second Avenue S.E.; turn right. St. John's is in second block on the left.

From I-65 at Exit 308, Highway 278 (Fourth Street S.W.), go east to Second Avenue S.E. in downtown Cullman. Turn right. St. John's is in the second block on the left.

From I-65 at Exit 304, Highway 69 (Good Hope Exit), go to second traffic light at Highway 31. Turn left and go to Fourth Street S.W. in downtown Cullman. Turn right at Fourth Street S.W. Go three blocks to Second Avenue S.E. and turn right. St. John's is in the second block on the left.

Traveling west on Highway 278, turn left at AmSouth Bank on Second Avenue S.E. Go three blocks to Sixth Street S.E. St. John's is on the corner.

A Profile: Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown

Educated at Elon College and Hartford Seminary, Rev. Joyce Myers-Brown is a member of Central Congregational UCC in Atlanta. She is a former missionary to Angola. She is a former missionary to Angola (1963-1975); Missionary-in-Residence, United Church Board for World Ministries, 1976-78 and served on the National Staff UCC (Southern Region, Office for Church Life and Leadership; 1978-1988).

Joyce co-pastored with her husband, Rev. Edward Brown, the Reformed Church of France from 1988-1989. She is currently serving on the Joint Commission on Women, Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta; Steering Committee, Atlanta Sanctuary Committee; and Board of Directors, United Nations Association, Atlanta Chapter.

In 1989 Joyce received the Antoinette Brown Award at General Synod.

Concerned about children? We are! That's why we're Building A World Fit For Children

Every Sunday evening at 9 p.m. on Cleveland's WCLV 95.5 FM, UCC President Paul H. Sherry hosts a radio show with guests from around the world discussing the problems and concerns of children. We've made a great start in

Cleveland, but we need YOU and YOUR CHURCH to keep it going. Let's saturate the nation with down-to-earth talk from people who care!

Ways to participate:

Arrange for the radio show to be aired in your city.

Give us your ideas about possible topics or guests.

Underwrite the cost of producing "Building a World Fit for Children" by being an exclusive sponsor, regular sponsor, or advertiser.

Sponsor a church and/or community program using the series topics and radio programs as the basis for discussion. The programs can be aired as a series or independently.

Purchase audiotapes of this unique, innovative radio programs to share with your family, church, or civic group.

Programs already available include a parenting series, a youth and sex series, and a conflict resolution series. Other topics include "Kids Counseling Kids" and "Grown-Up Abused Children."

For a complete listing of broadcast titles and other series topics, call or write UCC Office of Communication, Attn: Radio Show Tapes, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115-1100. Phone: 216-736-2224.

"NEWS & NOTES"

Atlanta – First Congregational has called the Rev. Dr. Susan Newman as Senior Pastor, to begin June 10th.

Trip to the Holy Land – will be in November 1994, led by the Rev. Dr. Fred Mills, Professor of Bible at LaGrange College & former pastor at Oak Grove UCC.

Lanett Church has surprised Rev. Roy and Wanda Bain by giving them a gift of a trip to the Holy Land. Congratulations to both church and pastor!

Sheares Memorial UCC, Chattanooga, has moved into a new suite for office and worship – located on Airport Road, Chattanooga's East Side. James Fother, Jr., Pastor.

Chattanooga, Pilgrim – David Cleaver-Bartholomew is serving as interim pastor.

Nashville, First – Bronson Netterville is serving as interim pastor.

Birmingham, First – Robert Johnson is serving as interim pastor.

Montgomery, First – David Morrow is serving as interim pastor.

Amistad United Church Fellowship has purchased a church and will have its first service on May 1, a Day of Dedication. Dr. Shelby Rooks, former Executive of the

UCBHM (and our 1992 Annual Meeting Keynoter) will speak. Flora Wilson-Bridges is pastor.

Columbia, SC UCC Fellowship has begun meeting Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Nancy Donny is organizing pastor.

Charleston, Circular – Susan Hull has resigned as of December 1994.

Sweetwater Church – burned its mortgage March 13th. And never missed a payment to UCBHM! Congratulations! Andrew Frierson is pastor.

Rush Memorial UCC, Atlanta has had extensive renovating done by the men of East Alabama. Thank You! And furnishings by our gracious craftsman, Sig Orgler!

Marietta, Pilgrimage Church – Lenten Midweek Study was on AIDS; organizing with other churches is now proceeding. A mortgage debt-reduction campaign will be held in May.

Phenix City, Russell Woods Church – Under the leadership of Ms. Harvetta Barr, a Neighbors in Need grant was secured from the Coordinating Center for Women to help establish a shelter for Battered Women in Russell County, AL.

Langdale Church, Valley, AL – has begun a bus ministry to bring children to Sunday School and other church programs.

Huntsville UCC had another exciting Lenten Series using videos on questions of faith.

CHURCH & PEOPLE NOTES

Vermont Conference Minister: Sabbatical Visit in the SEC

After his initial travels in Southern Africa, Dr. Curtis Minter of Vermont spent two weeks of his sabbatical with our churches in the SEC ... visits included ... Tougaloo College ... Lanett, Southern Alabama Cluster, Nashville, Pleasant Hill, Crossville and Rush Memorial of Atlanta. "I was impressed with the vitality, diversity, needs and tremendous opportunities in the SEC," Minter said. At the New Clergy Orientation, he was presented with Andy Young's book *A Way Out of No Way*.

Belvidere First United Church has developed church masthead slogan: "An old church with young ideas, that believes YOU ARE SOMETHING SPECIAL" This was done to help deal with the identity problem. Also, Ash Wednesday service of

worship included a "silent clown Eucharist" entitled "The Life of Christ." Rev. Karl Whiteman is pastor.

Profiling to Pastors ... when churches look for new pastors, they should send out a resume about themselves to prospective candidates. The best way to do it is with a video, insists Bruce A. Tiemann, chair of the search committee at Hope UCC, Hiawatha, Iowa. A 5-8-minute tape should show what the church and worship service are like, as well as the neighborhood and community. Include educational, recreational, social service and cultural information as well.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR STUDY TOUR

Would you like to participate?

Richard and Martha Lammers are the coordinators for a study tour of 9-12 persons from Japan to the U.S. to share in the daily life and the church of Christians in this country.

They are now lining up the itinerary for the tour. Would your church be interested in hosting one of the groups for 3 nights, or for a single daytime encounter? The dates for 1994 are August 5 or 6 to August 18 or 19. If you are interested, they will want to know some community facilities in which members of your church are either employees or volunteers. Then they can give you suggestions as to things they would like their group to experience while in your care. Rather than planning to see and do "everything," they like to know the unique aspects of each host church. Ages may range from 15 to 80, male and female.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Richard or Martha Lammers, P.O. Box 296, 8 Maple Dr., Pleasant Hill, TN 38578-0296. Phone/FAX: 615-277-3386.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR, 1994/95

May 6	Kay Schellhase: Heritage Committee Workshop for Church Historians
May 18	Structures Committee – Conference Office, Truman Moore, Chairperson
May 20-21	Uplands – Board of Directors
June 3-5	Annual Meeting of SEC, St. John's UCC, Cullman, AL
June 10-12	Iowa Conference Meeting (SEC/IOWA Exchange: Don Gall of Iowa to SEC; Roger & Beth Knight to Iowa Conference Meeting)
July 2-6	Faith Works – Harry Manon, Conference

Aug. 7-13	Coordinator, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Sep. 9-10	IOWA/SEC Youth Leadership Training Camp
Sep. 16-17	AL/TN Association Annual Meeting, Belvidere
Sep. 23-24	GA/SC Association Annual Meeting, Savannah
Oct. 1	Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 7-9	SoAL/NWFL Association Annual Meeting
Oct. 15	Southeast Women's Retreat, Shocco Springs, AL
	EAL/WGA Association Annual Meeting, Oak Grove, Pine Mountain
Nov. 11-12	All-Conference Program Planning Event
Apr. 28-30, 1995	Mini-Camp, Laguna Beach, FL

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